

For additional information or to find out how you can help, please contact Barbara Woontner, Logistics Manager for the Eastside Winter Shelters at 425-417-4815 or wintershelter@ SophiaWay.org.

If you are interested in helping with food or meals, please contact Andrea Liggett at 425-822-0295 ext. 110 or andrea@hfkparish.org.

## Eastside Winter Shelter for Women and Families with Children

Located at Salvation Army 911 164th Avenue NE Bellevue, WA 98008 Bus Routes: 221, 226

### **Eastside Winter Shelter** for Men

Located at St. Peter's United Methodist Church 17222 N.E. 8th Street Bellevue, WA 98008 Bus Route: 226





# Eastside Winter Shelter for the Homeless





### Eastside Winter Shelter 2011–2012

Beginning late November, two overnight winter shelters will open in Bellevue. The shelters will open every night at 8:30 pm and remain open until 7:30 am. Contingent on sufficient funding, the shelters will remain open through March 15, 2012.

**Shelter for men:** This winter shelter will be located at St. Peter's United Methodist church and will accommodate up to 50 men. Trained staff from Congregations for the Homeless will oversee the operation of this shelter.

**Shelter for women & families with children:** This shelter will be located at
Salvation Army. The shelter is run by trained,
experienced staff from The Sophia Way.

The opening of these shelters has been a collaborative effort among the cities of Bellevue, Issaguah, Kirkland, and Redmond, The Sophia Way and Congregations for the Homeless, Seattle's Union Gospel Mission, Vets's Edge, and numerous community partners, who are committed to ensuring the health and safety of all individuals and families on the Eastside. Providing shelter is the first and possibly the most critical step toward ending homelessness. Being open every night during the winter provides a lifeline for people who would otherwise be sleeping outdoors and increases the possibility of connections to other needed services and long term housing options.

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#### **Key Details:**

- Shelters will be open nightly beginning late November.
- Shelters will remain open through March 15, 2012 or as long as funding will allow.
- Congregations for the Homeless and The Sophia Way will provide trained shelter staff to oversee the programs.
- While shelters provide an ongoing lifeline for the homeless, anyone in need of warmth or shelter is welcome.

Resources are still needed. Donations of cash and in kind donations, including food, supplies, and volunteers are critical.